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TAGS : OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), ACOM

SUBJECT : URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
AT DOHA IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE VISIT BY
SECRETARY

REF: STATE 045911, DOHA 71

1. I REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING URGENT SHIPMENT OF
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE DOHA'S COMMO FACILITY.
IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT AND INSTALLATION REQUIRED BY PRESENCE OF
SECRETARY IN AREA AND HIS POSSIBLE VISIT TO DOHA.

2. OUR PRESENT SETUP IS SUCH THAT WE CANNOT RPT NOT RECEIVE
PRIVACY TRAFFIC, I.E. NODIS, STADIS AND ROGER CHANNEL
MESSAGES SINCE WE LACK "STATE SIDE" HW-28 EQUIPMENT COMPLEMENTARY
TO TCU GEAR WHICH IS IN PLACE AND OPERATIONAL. SINCE I UNDER-
STAND THAT SECRETARY'S ITINERARY, CHANGES THEREIN AND ALL OTHER
DETAILS RELATING TO HIS TRAVEL ARE HANDLED ON NODIS BASIS, OUR
SEVERE HANDICAP IN PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE SECRETARY VISIT IS
OBVIOUS. AT PRESENT WE CAN ONLY RECEIVE PRIVACY TRAFFIC
DIRECTED TO US BY COURIER POUCH FROM KUWAIT AND THIS IS TOTALLY
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INADEQUATE FOR PRESENT NEED.

3. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS EQUIPMENT OUT HERE FOR PAST TWO MONTHS AND APPROPRIATE DEPT ELEMENTS AWARE OF BACKGROUND. NEEDED EQUIPMENT IS PRESENTLY IN PARIS AND PRESENT HANG-UP IS FUNDING OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS. WE HAVE ASKED FOR AIR SHIPMENT AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT DEPT DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS--\$1700--FOR ANYTHING BUT SURFACE SHIPMENT--\$450. BECAUSE OF REDUCED ALLOTMENT, POST DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS EITHER FOR AIR SHIPMENT. SURFACE SHIPMENT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS AND MUST BE RULED OUT BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF OUR NEED.

4. I ASK THAT YOU BREAK THIS THINK LOOSE AND ARRANGE TO EXPEDITE EQUIPMENT HERE BY AIR WITH WHATEVER IS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION (TECHNICIAN, ETC.) AND OPERATION (APPROPRIATE TAPES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR C&R OFFICER).

5. IN MEANTIME, I ASK THAT YOU MAKE EXTRAORDINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ME TO RECEIVE ELECTRICALLY ALL INFORMATION THAT BEARS ON SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE VISITS TO DOHA AND OTHER GULF STATES. I REALIZE THAT THIS REQUEST WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS GIVEN NODIS REQUIREMENT AND TIGHTNESS WITH WHICH SUCH INFORMATION HELD. HOWEVER, SINCE WE MAY BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SECRETARY'S PRESENCE IN AREA THERE NO QUESTION OF OUR NEED TO KNOW ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE ON BOTH ASPECTS OF PROBLEM AS OUTLINED ABOVE, I.E. SHIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF HW-28'S AND INTERIM SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT PERMIT US TO RECEIVE ELECTRICALLY PERTINENT INFORMATION ON SECRETARY'S ITINERARY IN AREA.
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